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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

I hope you all had a restful and joyful summer break, filled with sunshine, laughter, and special memories. It is with great excitement that I welcome you back to a brand-new school year at St Mary's.

The start of a new academic year is always a special time – full of promise, fresh beginnings, and opportunities to grow. Whether your child is returning to a familiar classroom or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have them as part of our school community.

As always, we value the strong partnership between home and school. Your support plays a vital role in your child's success, and we look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Here's to a fantastic term ahead – full of learning, laughter, and new adventures!

We would also like to extend our warmest congratulations to Mrs Price and her husband on the wonderful news that they are expecting a new baby, due in the New Year!

Warmest wishes,

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Mrs Pearson

DATES FOR THE DIARY

08.09.25 Welcome Meetings @ 4:30

10.09.25 Year One Trip to YWP

w.c. 15.09.25 Enrichment Clubs begin

15.09.25 Y5 Trip to Space Centre

25.09.25 Y5 Trip to Southwell Workhouse



We are called to create an environment where both children and staff aspire to be, and give, their best. Everyone is emboldened to take risks, overcome challenges and be courageous in their efforts to achieve their potential. Leaders make bold curriculum choices that enable children to:

- gain knowledge, skills and experiences to navigate life in an evolving world; and
- develop characteristics such as self-belief, ambition, and resilience to overcome life's challenges.

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Our Vision: In our family, we have the courage to embody Jesus' love for us. We put others' needs above our own. We act with integrity and respect. And when others fall short of our expectations, we support them to atone and extend our forgiveness. In doing this, we prepare children to live life in all its fullness: its joys and celebrations, its sorrows and struggles.

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Y1 - Miss Bower

This week Year One have enjoyed starting phonics, we have been learning a new sound and have been practising our tricky words. We learnt some new words in History and thought of some examples of these, our new words are-past, present, and future. We have enjoyed exploring our new provision and learning how to use our new areas.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey/Mrs Marshall

What a lovely start to Y2 we've had! We entered the classroom on Wednesday to find a path made with twigs, leaves and candles leading to a cottage with a basket. We discussed together what it could be and came up with the conclusion that it was Little Red Riding Hood. We started reading the text of Little Red stopping mid-way to make predictions about what could happen at the end. We then worked collaboratively in groups to role play the ending of the story before performing to each other. Year 2 have been exploring identity in P4C and have explored the story 'Something Else'. In Science, we explored needs vs wants in living things and in RE we have recapped the creation story by drawing pictures to represent the days of creation.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week Y3 have settled beautifully into their new class! We have begun our new novel, The Iron Man. We created freeze frames to show our reaction when he walked off the cliff, the children did a great job of showing their emotion through movement. We have practised logging on and off the Chromebooks and onto purple-mash in Computing. In P4C we looked at the concept of consent. We have also begun to build our data out to defeat the evil book character!

Y4 - Miss Buckley

This week in Year 4, we've had a fantastic start to the term! In Maths, we've been revising our place value skills and practising our times tables. In English, the children have enjoyed writing imaginative recounts of their unbelievable summer holidays. Our PE lesson (Mondays & Wednesdays) focused on team-building activities, helping us develop cooperation and communication. In Science, we've started our new topic on states of matter, exploring the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. Meanwhile, in RE, we began learning about the theme of creation, discussing different beliefs about how the world began. It's been a great week full of curiosity, creativity, and teamwork!

Year 5 - Miss Evans

This week the children have started looking at their new text. Our text for this half term is the viewer. Children spent our hook lesson investigating what a view master is and exploring the environment to get into the head of our main character Tristian. Next week the children will continue with their study of this text looking at different settings.

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had a flying start to the week! They have hit the ground running with Maths and English ready to start their first piece of writing next week; a diary entry based on the War. In English, they experienced what it would have been like to take part in an air raid siren before discussing their thoughts and feelings. In Maths, they have been looking at the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000 before moving onto more complex numbers next week. In RE, they have reconsidered what the trinity is by creating their own pieces of artwork regarding the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Afterwards, they put this into a triangle to show the relationship. In Geography, they have learnt about longitude and latitude. Next week, they will begin learning about the different OS symbols before creating a map around school. Next week in P4C, the children are going to consider what consent is and why it is important.



Y1 - Exploring their outdoor provision



Y2 - Enjoying their 'hook' session for Little Red



Y6 - Experiencing their very own air raid